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Service Men Back on Staff

The Beacon, on behalf of the student body, welcomes back to the campus faculty members who have returned from the armed services, and some new members of the teaching staff.

Dr. Kenneth Leslie Knickerbocker has resumed his position as head of the English department. In 1943, he left State College to take over the duties of executive officer of the Navy V-12 training unit at Ohio Wesleyan University. Dr. Knickerbocker first came to R. I. State in 1934 as assistant professor of English. In 1938 he was appointed head of the English department. Dr. Knickerbocker received his B.A. and M.A. from Southern Methodist University, and his Ph.D. from Yale. He became commanding officer with the rank of lieutenant.

William Dickson Archibald, assistant professor in charge of engineering shops, is also a faculty returnee. In 1943, Prof. Archibald left the school for service in the Navy. A commander, Professor Archibald served on a project for the manufacturing development of secret ammunition. Prof. Archibald received his B.S. and M.S. from State College.

Dr. Herbert C. Knutson is back in the zoology department. Commissioned a captain, Dr. Knutson spent the first three months of active duty in Washington, in charge of airplane dusting for prevention of mosquitoes at Belvoir, the Quantico Marine Base, Fort Washington, Maryland, and the Indian Head Naval Powder Factory. Next he was stationed in Atlanta at the officer malaria control school, instructing newly commissioned officers in malaria and typhus.

He spent the winter of '44 in Panama at the Army school of malariology and also some of that time in Colombia and Ecuador. Now he is at Rhody again, teaching parasitology, invertebrate zoology and presently, entomology, the study of insects. He is now on terminal leave.

Dr. Knutson received his B.S. degree at Iowa Wesleyan College

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Newman Club Plans Assembly

The assembly on Wednesday morning will be conducted by the Newman Club. A member of the faculty of Catholic University of America, the Rev. Gerald Dillon, will speak. Fr. Dillon was formerly a resident of Providence.

The first assembly of this semester, planned by the Student Fellowship, was "snowed out" by the recent heavy storm, preventing the attendance of Dr. William L. Stidger of New Haven, who was to have been the guest speaker.

Patrons Give \$100 to Fund

The Patrons Association of Rhode Island State College held its annual meeting for association members and the parents of students in Edwards Hall yesterday.

After a short business meeting for election of officers and transaction of other necessary business, a discussion concerning the progress of the college and plans for meeting the demands of constantly increasing numbers of students took place.

The business meeting was followed by music by a group of students under the direction of Professor Lee MacCauley; a discussion of the importance of a Student Union Building by students, and the presentation of plans for the future, including the building program by President Woodward.

Following the program, there was a reception in Eleanor Roosevelt Hall to meet Dr. and Mrs. Woodward and other faculty members. A section of the new colony of Quonset Huts now housing more than 200 students was open for inspection.

Miss Lois P. Kyle and John Schroeder spoke about the need for a new Student Union. The association contributed \$100 to the war memorial building fund.

Dinner Speaker



CATHERINE COYNE

Correspondent To Give Address

Miss Catherine Coyne, war correspondent of the Boston Herald, and the first American woman to cross the border into Germany during the war, will speak at the Elizabeth Williams Award dinner.

She will share the spotlight with the State College co-ed who wins the \$25 cash prize in the essay contest, sponsored by the Women's Advertising Club of Providence. Manuscripts are due in the English department office a week from Friday.

Miss Coyne's foreign service covered periods from May 1944, to July 1945, and from last October to February.

Her field stories were filed from Third, First, Seventh and Ninth Armies, from England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Holland, Norway, Denmark and Italy. She also covered the war crime trials at Nuernberg

Friars - Rams Here Wedn'day

The fast-stepping Rhode Island State Rams will play host to Ed Crotty's improved Providence College quintet Wednesday night, in Rodman Hall.

The Friars, already tasting defeat earlier in the season at the Rhode Island Auditorium, will be out with their very best to make up for the 82-60 defeat. It was the towering Larry Drew who offered a bit of trouble in the opening minutes of that fray, but it wasn't long before Calverley and crew took him in hand.

In the past two weeks, Providence College was defeated by the University of Connecticut by but a few points, and defeated the Lovell General Hospital five, who only last season handed the Friars a defeat.

The following are a few statistics of the games between Rhode Island State and Providence College in recent seasons:

R.I.	P.C.
50	30
75	61
70	42
98	59
54	60
68	54
56	54
85	68

Beta Psi Plans Dance

Plans for an open house social, the first of the semester to be given by the men's dorm, were completed at a meeting of Rho Alpha Society, Beta Psi, last Tuesday.

A special election was held to fill a vacancy left by Walter Iacobbo, retired president. Dan Raich was elected. Bob Ortleva was named vice-president. John Palotti and Joe Petrone remain secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Itter Heads Drive

Dr. William A. Itter has been given charge of the Red Cross drive on the campus, to be conducted from March 15 to March 22. A student committee will handle the campaign.

Sorority Row

Quadrangle Quotes

What Union Activity would help the students stay down week-ends?

Harold Hagopian, Hut 23—More dances on Saturday night.

Harry Frye, Hut 23—More planned social activities on Saturdays.

Frank Pritchard, Hut 21—Include week-end meals on the meal books.

Art Kemp, Hut 21—Put in some bowling alleys and a few more ping-pong tables.

Al Miles, Hut 21—Run a date bureau.

Ray Martel, Hut 21—Have picnics in the summer and hay rides right away.

Henry Fuzat, Hut 7—More casual dances and less dressy dances. Polish the dance floor.

Bob McCaddin, Lambda Chi—Cut the tie business, and an orchestra dance on Saturday night.

Walt Harne, Tavern Hall—Fix the fire so the smoke won't get in your eyes.

Joe Rock, Lambda Chi—Band dances on Saturday night.

Bob Curtis, Narragansett—Picnics in warm weather and beach parties.

En. M. Biggs, Hut 25—Movies on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Gene Blackler, Hut 12—Have hay rides, bonfires and generally what college used to be years ago.

Ed Siciliano, Hut 7—Shouldn't be formal in gatherings and people shouldn't stare at newcomers and make them uncomfortable.

E. J. Hale, Hut 13—Build a golf course.

A. Wallander, Chi O—Hot dog roast.

Sweeney Bros.—More dances Saturday nights.

Dal Jones, Hut 19—Lower prices for meals on week-ends.

Al Starr, Hut 6—Movies Sunday afternoons.

Jerry Freiburg, Hut 7—Saturday night dances and beer parties.

Pauline O'Brien, E. R.—No heels and ties at the Union dances.

Roland Gilbert, on the research staff at Taft Laboratory, had over three years in the service. Mr. Gilbert is a native of South Kingstown, and graduated from South Kingstown High. He attended R. I. State also, and received his B.S. in 1940.

Following this he worked under
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in 1936, and M.S. in zoology at Southern Methodist University in 1937 where he was also an instructor. At the University of Minnesota he received the doctor's degree in 1941. One summer he spent with the Department of Conservation in Minnesota, working in Aquatic biology.

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of a civilian suit of clothes, Dr. Knutson would be most interested to hear about it.

Dr. J. A. DeFrance, associate research professor of Agronomy, and Mr. Milton Salomon, assistant in Agricultural Chemistry, are also back.

Mr. Salomon graduated from R. I. State in 1937, and then attended Virginia Polytechnical Institute where he obtained his master's degree. After working at North Carolina State College for a year, he returned to join the staff of his alma mater. In 1941 he joined the Army and held the rank of infantry captain.

Dr. DeFrance graduated from Colorado State College, obtained his master's degree in 1926. He also attended Cornell University where he received his Ph.D. and became a member of their staff until 1934. Having a great interest in soil development, Dr. DeFrance participated in the Soil Conservation Program sponsored by the Department of Agriculture until he accepted a position on our faculty in 1936. It was in 1943 that Dr. DeFrance left State College and became a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy, working on the construction and maintenance of airfields.

Among new faculty members is a native of New Hampshire, Col. Bartholomew DeGraff, who was detailed by the War Department as director of P. S. M. and T., and head of the military department here at R. I. State. He entered the Army in August 1917, and is a veteran of both World War I and World War II. During the First World War he went overseas with the Fourth Division. In the Second World War he was connected with the 104th Infantry Division, and saw action in the European theatre of operations, Belgium, Holland and Germany to be exact. The colonel is a proud possessor of a

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday March 7, 8, 9

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Girls' Court Tourney Opens

Coach Paul Cierzu, director of intramurals, has released the following information concerning intramural basketball.

The girls' basketball season officially opened with a round-robin tournament. The games are scheduled at 5 o'clock, and are posted on the bulletin board in Lippitt.

Due to the large number of freshman girls, who have come out for the sport, it has been necessary to have two freshman teams. Before the start of the first game, the following class captains were chosen: Senior, Elaine Murphy; Junior, Rita Pantalone; Sophomore, Clarisse Aubin; Freshman team 1, Ruth Salter; Freshman Team 2, Ann Obadovich.

League 1—F, AEPi, E, A, Alpha Tau, D, T. K. E.

League 2—C, Phi Sigma, P. I. K., Beta Psi, G, B, Lambda Chi, U. Club.

Team A will represent Huts 2, 3, 4.

Team B will represent Huts 5, 6, 7.

Team C will represent Huts 8, 9, 10.

Team D will represent Huts 11, 12, 13.

Team E will represent Huts 14, 15, 18.

Team F will represent Huts 19, 20, 21.

Team G will represent Huts 22, 23, 24, 25.

U Club Pressed To Defeat Vets

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Rams Win Close One

In the closest game of the year for the Rams, and one that left the fans limp and breathless in their seats at the finish, the Rhode Islanders climaxed a blistering second-half rally with five quick points in the last fifty seconds of playing time to sew up a 73-72 victory over the Coast Guardsmen at New London Wednesday night. On Saturday the Rams won their second game with Connecticut here, 60 to 54.

Trailing by as much as 16 points with 9½ minutes to go in the final half, the Keaneymen splurged with 22 timely counters to cut the bulge to 72 to 69, the same final score that the Coast Guardsmen had won the game in the first meeting of the two clubs.

At this point, with but 30 seconds remaining, Al Nichols took a deft pass from Ernie Calverley, dribbled around two defenders with expert maneuvering, and drove in for a successful layup to put the Rhode Islanders in the van by one point, 72-71.

With but 20 seconds remaining and amid the thunderous roar of the crowd, it appeared certain that the Guardsmen would retain possession until the final gun. Not so the case, however, for the big Shea intercepted a stray pass, fed to Dick Hole at mid-court, who in turn dribbled into the bucket and banged away successfully from the foul-strip with but ten seconds of time left on the clock.

Although Al Nichols fouled Captain Don Gaither of the Sailors with two seconds left, the pressure was too great after the game had ended and Don missed the all-important foul conversion that would have tied up the ball game and forced it into overtime.

The UConn gave Rhody fans a scare when they pulled up to within two points of the Rams in the closing minutes, but another last lap surge put the game on ice for the Keaneymen.

Alpha Tau in Close Win, 39-37

Coming from behind 27-14, at the half, a remarkable Alpha Tau crew sparked by Frankie DeLuise defeated a strong Sec. A team from Rhody Vet Row 39-37 in a thrilling overtime game on Wednesday night.

Capitalizing on Alpha Tau's momentary disorganization Blease and Co. scored five quick baskets. DeLuise finally broke the knot and scored from in close. The half found the hut team riding high to the tune of 27-14.

The second half found the Alpha Tau boys back in contention. With Edwards pulling the hut boys out of position constantly by his crisp passing and shooting, the winners

coached by Miss Anthony and Miss

Campus Bridge Tourney Set

An all-expense paid week-end in New York City, plus other awards and honors, is in prospect for the best pair of campus bridge players, according to Miss Helen Lockwood, director of the Student Union, who announced an elimination contract bridge tournament, to be held today and Wednesday, to decide the two teams to represent each house in the final round at the Union next Monday. All undergraduates wishing to enter have been requested to sign up with their house Union representatives.

The tournament is to select the eight best contract players—four pairs—on the campus. They will represent Rhode Island State College in a regional contest among similar teams from colleges in New England. The regional tournament will be played and scored by mail on an evening late in March.

The three top-ranking pairs from this region will compete in the finale at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, New York City, on April 26 and 27, against 13 other pair winners from four other regions.

The tournament is sponsored by a committee of alumni from leading Eastern men's, women's and co-educational colleges and universities. This year's revival is the fourth annual Intercollege Bridge Tournament and will be the first one held since 1942. The event will be played Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, leaving plenty of time for other activities. Players in the finals are provided by the committee with train fare, hotel rooms, meals and an allowance for incidental expenses, Miss Lockwood stated.

The chairman of this tournament, Danny Cashman, has announced the schedule of the tournament: Monday, March 4—First Round in Houses.

Scores in March 5 Wednesday, March 6, Second Round in Houses.

Scores in March 7 Monday, March 11—Final Round at Union.

Campus champions announced Wednesday, March 13.

side all night tied it up with seconds remaining. The game ended as Robinson missed a foul shot that would have broken the tie in favor of the Rhody Vet Row team.

After 10 seconds of the three minute overtime period Edwards passed in to Romano who scored what later proved to be the winning basket.

In the opener, Sec. E of Rhody Vet Row forfeited the game to P.I.K. because of its lack of basket-
ers.

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Loosen Up

With the increase of students it has become practically impossible to know everyone as we did during the past years of low enrollment. It is comparatively easy to maintain a friendly atmosphere when everyone on campus has at least a speaking acquaintance.

However, now with so many of us seeing new faces every day, it is going to be more difficult. As most of us know it has always been a tradition here at State to greet our fellow students when we meet them, regardless of whether or not we know the names or have been formally introduced.

It is just a bit disconcerting to greet a fellow student though and receive no other reply than a glassy stare. It is surprising how much more friendly the campus seems when everyone says "Hi" in meeting. Why don't you try it?

Mr. X of the Week

Mr. X the Imitator, could well be the title of this article for our man of the week has been known to do many a take-off on people, the feminine sex usually receiving most of the brunt. His "talents" are being put to good use by Phi Delta. He has been more than active in that

Two Scholarships

Two scholarships of \$50 each are available to veterans now in college who were members of the freshman classes of 1941. Application for these should be made on blanks available at Dean Weldin's Office and returned not later than March 9.

illustrious organization. He was light manager for the freshman plays and 'tis rumored he has a part in "The Bat." He carried his ability to be a good talker from Phi Delt to the Wranglers where he has taken part in debates.

Mr. X is one of the few frat men on campus—a Theta Chi.—Wonder why he doesn't move in the house instead of living in T. K. E.? He is a Bus. Ad. His life here at Rhody was interrupted while he did time in Uncle Sam's Navy.

'Tis said his room at T. K. E. is artistically decorated with "serious" pictures that he draws in his free time. He invites one and all to see them in the room. His abilities along that line are put to good use by the poster committee for almost all the major dances—cheer up! the last is yet to come.

Among his extracurricular activities is his membership in the "Momo Club." Commonly answers to the name of Snuffy — say, where did they ever get that?

Our Mr. X — Ed Smith — can usually be found having a "glorious" time almost everywhere on campus.

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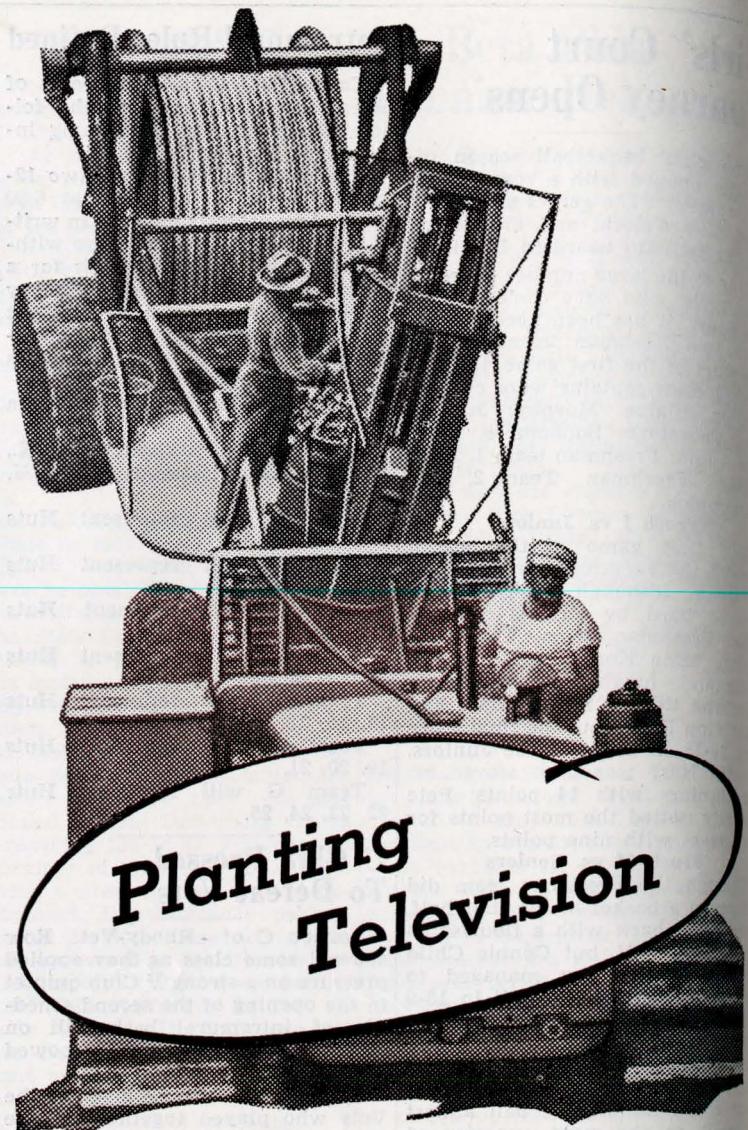
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Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit and a Russian Medal of Honor.

A Wakefield resident, Miss Mary Cummings is a former teacher of trigonometry at South Kingstown High School. She is a Pembroke graduate and is now doing graduate work at Radcliffe. Miss Cummings taught math during the A.S.T.P. program here.

Mr. Otis Brown, a graduate of South Kingstown High in 1936 and a graduate of R. I. State in 1941, is now an instructor in Accounting and Economics at his alma mater. While in the Army, he taught and saw action in Germany. Upon graduating from R. I. State, he received a degree in Business Administration, a Fellowship, taught for one semester, and became a graduate assistant in accounting.

Another addition to the faculty is a parttime instructor, Loring Thompson, who is teaching economics. Mr. Thompson received his B.S. degree in 1940 from Northeastern University and was an instructor at the New England College of Business Administration from 1940-42 when he entered the service. He attended the postgraduate school of the Naval Academy and saw sea duty in the South Pacific.



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